1971	1981	1991*
7. Ahmedabad	7. Ahmedabad	7. Ahmedabad
8. Poona	8. Poona	8. Poona
9. Kanpur	9. Kanpur	9. Kanpur
	10. Lucknow	10. Lucknow
	11. Nagpur	11. Nagpur
	12. Jaipur	12. Jaipur
		13. Sural
		14. Coimbatore
		15. Cochin
		16. Baroda
		17. Indore
		18. Patna
		19. Madurai
		20. Bhopal
		21. Vishakapatnam
		22. Varanasi
		23. Ludhiana

*Provisional.

Crite ria for allotment of land/house ing facility to Ex-servicemen

2562. SHRI ANANTRAY DEV-SHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMNT be pleased to

(a) what are the criteria for allotment of land/housing fagiljty o Ex-Servicemen;

(b) whether any special quota has been fixed for allotment of D.D.A. flats in Delhi; if so, how many out of turn allotments have been made by Government and how many applications are pending so far;

(c) whether this allotment was made on compassionate and priority basis ; and

(d) what is the target fixed for allotment of fiats during the year 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) As per Government policy. 1 % reservation for allotment of plots/flats has been provided for ex-servicemen in all the registration schemes of DDA.

(b) and *(c)* As per (he Government policy/guidelines $22^{1}/_{2}$% of total number of flats allotted during a year can be allotted on out-of-tum basis by the competent authority. However, no separate reservation is provided for ex-servicemen in these out-of-turn allotments.

(d) DDA has fixed a target to allot to 8424 pending registrants during 1992-93.

Acquisition of cultivable land

2563. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMEMT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the farmers from various parts of the country held a rally at the Boat Club on Tuesday against acquisition of cultivable land;

(b) whether they have demanded that if at all the land is acquired in exceptional circumstances the minimum compensation should be paid @ Rs. 500 Sq. meter to the affected farmers; and

(c)sif so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to remove the grievances of the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Urban Development is primarily a State subject. As such the land use regulations are coatco-lled under the various Acts of the State Governments. With increasing population in urban areas certain extent of conversion of agricultural land for urban use is inevitable. However, care is taken as far as possible not to convert furtile wet agricultural lands to non-agricultural use. The payment of compensation for these lands are covered by the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act which provide for payment of market value for the land after due enquiry as laid down in the said Act. If any land is designated in the Master Plan for the use of agriculture, such land cannot be converted for non-agricultural use without following the procedures statutorily laid down in the relevant Town Planning/Master Plan regulations. In the case of lands which are zoned as agricultural land in the Master Plan the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act 1976 is not applicable, and gnuine agriculturalists can hold land put to agricultural use even if th s is beyond the urban land ceilingi limit. The use of agricultural lands is regulated by the Land Reforms Act administered by the States wherein safeguards are built for conversion/ transfer of land to non-agricultural uses. It would thus be seen that there are several safeguards built into the existing Acts and regulations to ensure that there is no indiscriminate conversion of agricultural lands for urban use.

Payment of water bilk

2564. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Water Supply and Sewage Disposal Undertaking has authorised some pf the banks to collect payment of water bills from consumers;